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SUBJECT: GDR FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS POLAND

1. RECENTLY APPOINTED GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSKAR FISCHER VISITED POLAND FEBRUARY 20-22 FOR WHAT OUR FRG COLLEAGUES HERE DEPICT AS GET-ACQUAINTED TALKS. FISCHER HELD MEETINGS WITH POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEST EUROPEAN (I.E., FRG AFFAIRS), ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AND WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY PARTY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK, COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN JABLONSKI, AND PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ.

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2. THE COMMUNIQUE AND PRESS COVERAGE ACCOMPANYING THE VISIT INDICATE THAT AMONG ITS MAIN PURPOSES WAS A DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR CELEBRATING THREE MAJOR ANNIVERSARIES THIS SPRING--THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY OVER FASCISM, THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW PACT, AND THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GDR-POLISH FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

3. ASIDE FROM ITS STANDARD REFERENCES TO SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY AND CSCE, MBFR, THE BRIEF COMMUNIQUE CONCENTRATES ON GERMAN QUESTIONS. IT CALLS FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS FRG TREATIES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY CITING THAT WITH POLAND. IT FURTHER CALLS FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOUR-POWER BERLIN AGREEMENT, POSTULATING THIS AND THE OTHER TREATIES AS BASIC FACTORS IN CONSOLIDATING DETENTE. THE COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS A SEPARATE ADMONITION AGAINST FRG ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN GDR RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES.

4. ASSESSING FISCHER'S VISIT FOR US ON FEBRUARY 26, FRG EMBASSY OFFICIALS OBSERVED THAT THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTER IS APPARENTLY TOURING EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS AFTER HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT. THEY INTERPRETED FISCHER'S VISITING WARSAW SECOND AFTER MOSCOW AS A DELIBERATE SOP TO THE POLES. THEY FURTHER CHARACTERIZED THE VISIT AS PRIMARILY AFFORDING A CHANCE TO THE TWO SIDES TO GET ACQUAINTED, WHICH WOULD BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE POLES SINCE FISCHER MUST BE RELATIVELY UNKNOWN FIGURE TO THEM, ACCORDING TO THESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

5. THE WEST GERMANS POINTED TO THE COMMUNIQUE'S HEAVY EMPHASIS ON GERMAN AFFAIRS BUT DID NOT FIND THIS SURPRISING, GIVEN CURRENT PROBLEMS IN BOTH FRG-POLISH AND INTER-GERMAN RELATIONS. HOWEVER, TWO CLAUSES IN THE COMMUNIQUE SEEMED TO GIVE THE WEST GERMANS SOME PAUSE. THEY VIEWED THE LANGUAGE ON THE BERLIN AGREEMENT AS SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL, SINCE IT CALLED ONLY FOR COMPLIANCE RATHER THAN FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION. THEY ALSO REGARDED THE REFERENCE TO "FASCIST, GERMAN IMPERIALISM" AS STRONGER THAN PREVIOUS FORMULATIONS. THIS PHRASEOLOGY, COUPLED WITH WHAT THEY SEE AS A GRADUAL RETURN IN THE PRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HERE TO THE OLD ACRONYM "NRF" (GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC), WHICH FOR A YEAR OR SO HAD BEEN REPLACED BY "RFN" (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY), THEY VIEW AS DENOTING A FORMAL TOUGHENING OF ATTITUDES TOWARD BONN. DAVIES

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